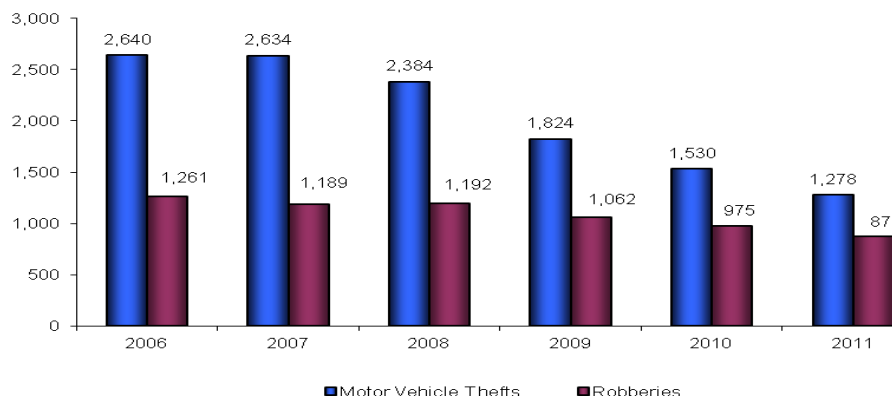# Montgomery County

Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Montgomery County has seen a significant 23.3% reduction in total crime, a 26.7% reduction in violent crime, and a 22.9% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in rapes (-20.7%), robberies (-30.4%), aggravated assaults (-22.5%), breaking & entering (-18.5%), larceny/theft (-19.6%), and motor vehicle thefts (-51.6%).

Montgomery County Motor Vehicle Theft and Robbery Trends 2006 - 2011

Year	Motor Vehicle Thefts	Robberies
2006	2,640	1,261
2007	2,634	1,189
2008	2,384	1,192
2009	1,824	1,062
2010	1,530	975
2011	1,278	878

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Montgomery County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention provided is currently funding 32 grants in Montgomery County totaling $2,912,147. As a result, Montgomery has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

➢ **DNA Backlog Reduction** - The Montgomery County Police Department's "Backlog Reduction" program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to reduce DNA backlogs in Montgomery County. The program reduces the DNA backlog by providing overtime for existing personnel and the outsourcing of other backlogged samples.

➢ **Forensic Crime Scene Improvement –** The Montgomery County Government received funds in order to provide software, hardware, and multimedia stations to record interviews, view digital evidence, and use technology to better prepare for courtroom presentation. Funds were also awarded to the State's Attorney's office to improve courtroom technology.

➢ **Case Management and Training for Inmates -** The Workforce Solutions Group of Montgomery County received funds to provide case management, as well as job readiness and functional computer skills training to inmates at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Case Management and Training for Inmates
- Law Enforcement Technology
- Forensic Crime Scene Improvement
- Courtroom Technology Enhancements
- DNA Backlog Reduction
- Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services
- Gun-Related Crime Reduction
- Protective Order Entry
- Community Conferencing Initiative
- Disproportionate Minority Contact
- Youth Diversion and Truancy Reduction
- Sex Offender Monitoring

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➢ **Crime Intelligence Analyst** - The Montgomery County Department of Police Crime Intelligence Analyst program enhances law enforcement efficiency by monitoring, analyzing, and disseminating intelligence derived from fusion centers, open source research, and collaboration with other intelligence sources. This intelligence directly impacts crime reduction and potential threats to the county. The intelligence information is distributed to the department personnel and other law enforcement entities to help them make more effective decisions regarding crimes, suspects, the location of potential dangers, and the deployment of resources.

➢ **Gun-Related Crime Reduction -** The Montgomery County Police Department teams up with the County Sheriff's Office, the Park Police and the State's Attorney's Office using a multi-jurisdictional approach to gun enforcement. The PD receives funds for its officers to assist with gun investigations, conducting surveillance, and serving search warrants. The SAO ensures that all firearm cases are thoroughly screened, prepared, and ready for prosecution.

➢ **Community Conferencing Initiative –** The Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County's Community Conferencing Initiative targets youth involved with disciplinary problems in the Montgomery County public schools, DJS, and/or the SAO. The program supports dialogue between victims, offenders, and their support networks that holds juveniles accountable for their actions, finds restitution that serves everyone involved, and restores the relationship between victims and offenders.

➢ **Youth Diversion and Truancy Reduction -** The Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth, and Families provides a program that serves at-risk youth before they enter more deeply in the juvenile justice system. . These youth and their families participate in a high-fidelity wraparound process (for 6 months) that has demonstrated positive outcomes such as increased school attendance, reduced recidivism, and maintaining youth in the least restrictive environment.

Community Mediation Maryland Inc.'s Attendance Mediation Initiative targets at-risk youth for chronic truancy and provides mediation between teachers and parents to plan for better attendance.

"Montgomery County is a prime example of a jurisdiction using collaborative efforts and best practice approaches to fighting crime. Montgomery County serves as a model for other jurisdictions to follow in an effort to make Maryland a safer place for its citizens."

Governor Martin O'Malley